

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, comprising:
 - (a) a flexible material housing comprising a top wall, a bottom wall, a pair of sloping end walls, one of the end walls having a door therein, and a pair of sidewalls trapezoidal in shape opposing one another;
 - (b) a pair of support members in the housing, with each support member positioned adjacent an opposing wall sidewall of the housing, and each support member having ~~[[a]]~~ an outer peripheral shape defining a trapezoid substantially corresponding to the opposing ~~walls~~ sidewalls of the housing against which each support member is positioned; ~~and~~
 - (c) at least one strut secured between the support members to maintain the opposing support members in a separated position and to support the housing~~[[.]]~~
 - (d) wherein the at least one strut is moveable, wherein the sidewalls are collapsible toward one another.
2. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, with the support member members each comprising a rigid panel.
3. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, with the support member members each comprising a peripheral frame.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim ~~2~~ 1, with the door comprising a mesh material.
6. (Original) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, further comprising at least one window in at least one of the sidewalls and the end walls.

7. (Original) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 6, with the at least one window comprising a mesh material.

8-12 (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, with the at least one strut comprising a rod having end caps secured to each end of the rod.

14. (Original) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 13, the rod comprising a telescoping rod.

15. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 13, with the at least one of the end cap caps comprising a telescoping end cap.

16. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 13, with at least one of the end cap caps comprising ~~[[a]]~~ an extendable threaded end cap.

17. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, the at least one strut comprising a rod having an end cap secured to the rod at a first end of the rod and a hinge secured to the rod at a second end of the rod, the hinge attached to ~~at least one of a rigid panel and a wall~~ one of the sidewalls to allow the rod to pivot.

18. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 17, with the end cap comprising a telescoping end cap.

19. (Currently Amended) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 17, with the end cap comprising a extendable threaded end cap.

20. (Original) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 1, further comprising at least one strut brace secured to the housing to secure the strut.

21. (Original) A collapsible animal container, as in Claim 20, the strut brace comprising a peelable fastener.

22-23 (Canceled)